

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/502,283

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/29/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-6, 23-26, 72, 73, 77, 78, 106-110, 115-119 and 125-143 (renumbered 1-41).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

1. Receipt is acknowledged of a response, which was dated on August 29, 2005.

Status of the Claims

2. Claims 1-6, 12-17, 19, 20, 22-26, 72-78, 105-110, 112-121, 123, 125 and 126 were pending. Applicants canceled claims 1, 2, 7-22, 27-71, 74-76, 79-105, 111-114 and 120-124. In addition, new claims 127-143 were added and claims 3-6, 23, 72, 73, 77, 78, 106-110, 115, 116, 118, 119, 125 and 126 were amended. Therefore, claims 3-6, 23-26, 72, 73, 77, 78, 106-110, 115-119 and 125-143 are currently pending and examined on the merits.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The claims are allowed for the reasons that the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest applicants' claims method. Specifically the prior art of record does not teach the use of a centrifugation or filtration step in the absence of a chromatographic separation prior to step (iv) and the use of flow-injection analysis and electrospray tandem mass spectrometry. The closest prior art of record, Aebersold et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0076739), fail to disclose the use of complex mixtures that would be produced by the centrifugation and/or filtration steps in the absence of a chromatographic separation prior to step (iv). In addition, does not teach the use of a centrifugation or filtering step in conjunction with the use of a flow-injection electrospray tandem mass spectrometer. Therefore, claims 3-6, 23-26, 72, 73, 77, 78, 106-110, 115-119 and 125-143 (renumbered 1-41) are allowed.

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Salutation


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jon D Epperson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0808. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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